

**BELLE PLAINE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 18, 2023**

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Mayor Woletz led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. CALL TO ORDER. 2.1. Roll Call.

The Belle Plaine City Council met in Regular Session on Monday, December 18, 2023 at 6:01 PM in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 218 North Meridian Street, Belle Plaine, MN. Mayor Woletz called the meeting to order with Councilmember Cary Coop, James Evans, Ryan Ladd and Patricia Krings present.

Also present were City Administrator Meyer, Police Chief Stier, Public Works Superintendent Otto, City Engineer Duncan, Finance Director Jirik, Assistant Community Development Director Gerold, and City Attorney Vose. Wanda Savage served as the video recording operator.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

Mayor Woletz added item 5.11. Resolution 23-184 Southwest Drug Taskforce Agreement to the consent agenda.

MOTION by Councilmember Coop, second by Councilmember Evans, to approve the agenda as with the addition. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

4. PUBLIC FORUM.

4.1. Alissa Ebnetter – German Days

**Anyone wishing to address the Council must submit in writing the subject and intent of request by 3:00 PM on the Tuesday prior to the scheduled Council meeting. Maximum of three (3) minutes per speaker. No official action will be taken.*

Alissa Ebnetter requested Council consider allowing two premise permits per premise for charitable gambling.

5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA.

- 5.1. Truth in Taxation Minutes of December 4, 2023.
- 5.2. Regular Session Minutes of December 4, 2023.
- 5.3. Work Session Minutes of December 4, 2023.
- 5.4. Work Session Minutes of December 5, 2023.
- 5.5. Joint Work Session Minutes with Belle Plaine Township of December 6, 2023.
- 5.6. Resolution 23-178 Closing 2013A EDA Revenue Bond (Fund 337) and Transferring the Remaining Balance to 2020A G.O. Bond (Fund 348).
- 5.7. Resolution 23-179 Resolution Authorizing a 2024 Water Efficiency Rebate Program.
- 5.8. Resolution 23-182 Accept Donation of 15,000 from Belle Plaine Friends of the Library for the Library.
- 5.9. Resolution 23-183 Approve Purchase of Stepp Dump Pot Patching Trailer for Public Works.
- 5.10. Resolution 23-184 Authorizing the Sale of a 1998 Yamaha Venture 700 Triple Snowmobile, 2001 Open Snowmobile Trailer with two sled capacity and Rescue Sled from the Fire Department.
- 5.11. Resolution 23-184 Approve Adoption of the 2024-2028 South West Metro Drug Task Force Joint Powers Agreement for the City of Belle Plaine.

Finance Director Jirik requested a correction to the title of the item 5.6. on the consent agenda to reflect the Memo and Resolution.

Consent Agenda item 5.11. Resolution number was corrected administratively to Resolution 23-180.

MOTION by Councilmember Coop, second by Councilmember Krings, to approve the Consent Agenda as follows: 5.1. Truth in Taxation Minutes of December 4, 2023; 5.2. Regular Session Minutes of December 4, 2023; 5.3. Work Session Minutes of December 4, 2023; 5.4. Work Session Minutes of December 5, 2023; 5.5. Joint Work Session Minutes with Belle Plaine Township of December 6, 2023; 5.6. Resolution 23-178 Closing 2012A General Obligation Improvement Bond (Fund 338); 5.7. Resolution 23-179 Resolution Authorizing a 2024 Water Efficiency Rebate Program; 5.8. Resolution 23-182 Accept Donation of 15,000 from Belle Plaine Friends of the Library for the Library; 5.9. Resolution 23-183 Approve Purchase of Stepp Dump Pot Patching Trailer for Public Works and 5.10. Resolution 23-184 Authorizing the Sale of a 1998 Yamaha Venture 700 Triple Snowmobile, 2001 Open Snowmobile Trailer with two sled capacity and Rescue Sled from the Fire Department and Resolution 23-180 Approve Adoption of the 2024-2028 South West Metro Drug Task Force Joint Powers Agreement for the City of Belle Plaine. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

6. DEPARTMENT REPORTS.

6.1. Ambulance Department. (Report Only)

Ambulance Director Burton was not present. The Council acknowledged receipt of the Ambulance Report.

6.2. Fire Department.

Fire Chief Otto was present. Otto highlighted the Fire Department Report.

6.3. Police Department.

Police Chief Stier was present. Stier highlighted the Police Department Report.

6.4. Community Services Department. (Report Only)

Community Services Director Koller was not present. The Council acknowledged receipt of the Community Services Report.

6.5. Community Development Department.

Community Development Director Smith Strack was present. Smith Strack highlighted the Community Development Report.

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS.

7.1. Ordinance 23-10 Dynamic Display Signs. The City Council will hold a public hearing on Ordinance 23-10 An Ordinance Amending Section 1107.20, Subd. 10(4) of the City Code Pertaining to Signs with Dynamic Displays.

Assistant Community Development Director Gerold reviewed Ordinance 23-10 Dynamic Display Signs.

Mayor Woletz opened the Public Hearing at 6:23 PM.

No one stepped forward.

MOTION by Councilmember Ladd, second by Councilmember Coop, to close the public hearing at 6:24 PM. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

7.1.1. Resolution 23-181 Resolution Approving Summary Publication of Ordinance 23-10 An Ordinance Amending Section 1107.20, Subd. 10(4) of the City Code Pertaining to Signs with Dynamic Displays.

MOTION by Councilmember Krings, second by Councilmember Woletz, to approve Ordinance 23-10 Pertaining to Signs with Dynamic Displays. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Councilmember Woletz, second by Councilmember Krings, to approve Resolution 23-181 Resolution Approving Summary Publication of Ordinance 23-10 An Ordinance Amending Section 1107.20, Subd. 10(4) of the City Code Pertaining to Signs with Dynamic Displays. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

8. BUSINESS.

8.1. Presentation of Claims.

MOTION by Councilmember Coop, second by Councilmember Evans, to approve the reviewed Claims as presented in the amount of \$337,674.43. ROLL CALL VOTED. Councilmembers Coop, Evans, Krings, Ladd and Woletz VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

8.2. Resolution 23-176 Adopting the Final Tax Levy Collectable in 2024 and the 2024 Final Budget and Capital Improvement Plan.

Finance Director Jirik reviewed the Final Tax Levy and Final Budget and Capital Improvement Plan.

MOTION by Councilmember Coop, second by Councilmember Krings, to approve Resolution 23-176 Adopting the Final Tax Levy Collectable in 2024 and the 2024 Final Budget and Capital Improvement Plan. Councilmembers Coop, Krings and Woletz VOTED AYE. Councilmembers Evans and Ladd VOTED NAY. MOTION CARRIED 3-2.

8.3. Resolution 23-177 Approving City Employee Wages and Salaries for 2024.

Finance Director Jirik reviewed the City Employee Wages and Salaries for 2024.

MOTION by Councilmember Coop, second by Councilmember Woletz, to approve Resolution 23-177 Approving City Employee Wages and Salaries for 2024. Councilmembers Coop, Woletz, Krings and Evans VOTED AYE. Councilmember Ladd VOTED NAY. MOTION CARRIED 4-1.

8.4. Authorize Auto Mutual Paging Agreement with the City of Jordan for Structure Fires.

City Administrator Meyer reviewed the request from the City of Jordan and Fire Department.

MOTION by Councilmember Woletz, second by Councilmember Ladd, to authorize Fire Chief to proceed with Auto Mutual Paging. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

9. ADMINISTRATION.

9.1. Upcoming Tentative Meetings.

1. Work Session, Tuesday, December 19, 2:30 PM.
2. City Offices Closed at noon in Observance of the Holiday, Friday, December 22.
3. City Offices Closed in Observance of the Holiday, Monday, December 25.
4. City Offices Closed at noon in Observance of the Holiday, Friday, December 29.
5. City Offices Closed in Observance of the Holiday, Monday, January 1.
6. Design, Tuesday, January 2, 5:00 PM
7. City Council, Tuesday, January 2, 6:00 PM
8. Work Session, Tuesday, January 2, 6:15 PM

Mayor Woletz reviewed the upcoming tentative meetings as listed.

10. ADJOURN.

MOTION by Councilmember Evans, second by Councilmember Ladd, to adjourn the regular session at 6:38 PM. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Renee Eyrich
Recording Secretary